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Colorful Outfits Are Always One Of The High Points  
At The Citizen Potawatomi Heritage Festival

## CITIZEN POTAWATOMI HERITAGE



## Festival 2001

Shawnee • June 29-July 1



Jeremy Finch and Thom Finks Were Part Of The Largest  
And Most Colorful Grand Entry During Saturday's Activities



# TRIBAL TRACTS

## Walking on

### Sonora Celestine "Cis" Konechney

Sonora Celestine "Cis" Konechney, 94, of Choctaw passed away Wednesday, July 4, 2001. She was born in Choctaw on September 17, 1906 to John and Alice (Smith) Tescier. Cis attended Choctaw schools for twelve years and then went on to Hills Business College. She was married to Harry Konechney in Tulsa on December 6, 1926. She taught Sunday school for 40 years at the First Baptist Church of Choctaw. Cis loved her church family.

She is survived by her son Gary and wife Shirley of Oklahoma City; daughter, Yetta Clark and husband Ralph, also of Oklahoma City; five grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; and many other loving relatives and friends. Her husband Harry and daughter Wanda Jo precede Cis in death. Funeral services were Friday July 6, 2001, at First Baptist Church and interment at Elmwood Cemetery both located in Choctaw, OK.

Services were directed by Asa Smith Funeral Home.

### Gregory Brett Beaubien

Gregory Brett Beaubien, 42, passed away May 22, 2001, at St. Joseph Hospital from complications of diabetes. He was born May 28, 1958 in Fairbanks, AK and resided in the Tacoma area most of his life. He enjoyed playing soccer, fishing, and had a great love of cars.

He was preceded in death by his mother

Martha.

He is survived by children Adam and Rachel Beaubien; father, Richard Beaubien of Puyallup; sisters, Michelle (Doug) Monroe of Beaverton, OR, and Rebecca (Gregory) Patjens of Tacoma; stepbrother, Bruce (Kris) Johnson of Sumner and numerous nephews and nieces.

Memorial services were May 31 at Tacoma Baptist Temple. Memorials may be made to Diabetes Association or a charity of choice.

### Violet Melott Dunkin Page

Violet Melott Dunkin Page was born August 24, 1912, in Lookeba, Oklahoma. She passed away May 3, 2001 at the Whitesboro Nursing Center at the age of 88. Funeral services were held at Huff Funeral Home, Whitesboro, TX, May 7 with Pastor David Farbishel officiating.

Her parents were Nina Lucille Johnson Melott and Leander Melott. She had two sisters and one brother who preceded her in death. She is survived by her daughter, Kathryn K. Page Carter, and son-in-law, Odis Carter, of Bethany, Oklahoma; son, Lonnie G. Dunkin, and daughter-in-law, Doris Dunkin, of Gordonville, Texas; grandchildren Lonnie Dunkin, Jr. and Toby of Ketchikan, Alaska, Bradley Carter, Vanessa Carter and Jonathan Carter of Bethany, Oklahoma; three great-grandchildren, Lonnie 111, Shaun and Barbara Dunkin and two great-great grandchildren.

Violet Page lived most of her life in Oklahoma, where she worked for the Internal Revenue Service, and for the State of Oklahoma. She retired at age 67, and entered The Pentecostal College in Oklahoma City, as a freshman. She traveled to England, Germany, Switzerland and India to visit churches and schools, and maintained contact with Christians she met in those countries.

Violet visited the Navaho Indian reservation in New Mexico, and worked with missionaries there. After moving to Shawnee, at the age of 79, she became a student at St. Gregory College with the hopes of getting a teaching degree to teach on the reservation. She had a thirst for knowledge and an excitement for learning that kept her active and interested in the world around her.

Mrs. Page was very proud of her Native American heritage. She lived in a duplex at Tribal Housing property for several years. She maintained contact with her Potawatomi Indian tribal friends in Shawnee, OK, (and later the Family



Festival) there each spring.

Violet became a Christian at a very early age, and never lost her zeal for Christ. She taught her children well, and lived her faith daily. At the time of her death she had a home in Gordonville, TX, near her son. She was active in Sherwood Shores Presbyterian Church and had many dear friends in that community.

### Matthew Leon Bruno

Matthew Leon Bruno, born July 11, 1960, at Ellinwood, KS to William (Chief) and Glenna Sue Horton Bruno went home to be with his Lord June 2, 2001, after a short illness. Matthew was married to Kim Milliren on February 5, 1999, in Wichita, KS.

Matthew is survived by his wife Kim (Kimmie) and daughter Aslynn Nicole of the home; son Matthew Ryan; daughter TiOnna Rachele Bruno of Ark City; parents Bill and Glenna Bruno of McLoud, OK; brother Michael of Wellington, KS; brother and sister-in-law Mark Allen and Phyllis Bruno of Shawnee, OK; sister and brother-in-law Lori and Ron Oden of Lyons, KS; grandmother Willie Horton-White of Lyons, KS and sister-in-law Cindy Bruno of Shawnee, OK.

Matthew was preceded in death by his brother Paul Daniel Bruno; his paternal grandparents; his maternal grandfather; his uncle Robert L. Horton; his mother-in-law and a brother-in-law.

He leaves behind many nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles. Services were held at Glen Park Christian Church in Wichita, KS on Tuesday, June 5, 2001.

Memorials may be made to Glen Park Christian Church.

### William 'Bill' Vernon Meade

Yukon's William 'Bill' Vernon Meade, 73, was born August 22, 1927 in Calumet to Vernon and Momie Meade and died tragically from a farm accident on May 2, 2001.

He married Jean Estep on Oct. 19, 1948 in Kingfisher, moving to the Yukon area December 13, 1950, where they established themselves as farmers. Jean preceded him in death on October 8, 1997.

Serving in the United States Army, Bill served in the Korean Conflict and was honorably discharged from the Company C 52nd Signal Battalion.

A kind and gentle man, Bill was loved by his family and friends and will be sorely missed.

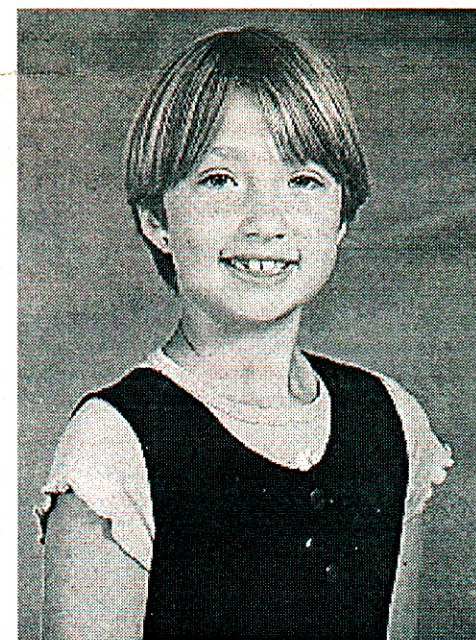
In the final analysis of Bill's life, it can be said that he lived his life as he died "a farmer."

In addition to his wife, he is also preceded in death by his parents and sister, Mildred Whitener. He is survived by his son, Mark Meade of Oklahoma City; daughters, Mary

Ann Bomhoff and husband Tom of Yukon and Barbara Gonzalez and husband Rudy of Dallas, Texas; sister, Dortha Berna of Oklahoma City; longtime friend Duane Nance of Oklahoma City; grandchildren, Denise Ward and husband Chris, Lisa Simpson and husband Craig, Melissa Early and husband Chuck, Teresa Roberts and husband Greg, Jason and Chris Tremann and Jessica Gonzalez; great-grandchildren Jerrod Ryburn, Hayden Ward, Haley and Katelynn Simpson and one on the way; as well as many nieces, nephews and friends.

Memorial donations may be made to the Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation, 825 N.E. 13th St., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73014-5097 or the Geary Cemetery.

Services were held at Yonda and Son Chapel, with graveside services at the Geary Cemetery. Arrangements were under the direction of Yonda and Son Funeral Home of Yukon.



### Straight A Student

Nicole Danielle Cline made straight A's and was on the Superintendent's Honor Roll consecutively for 27 weeks. She is in the second grade at John K. Hubbard Elementary School in Noble, Oklahoma and is seven years old. Nicole is the daughter of Leland and Donna Cline, granddaughter of Freddie Eugene Cline of Norman, Oklahoma and great-granddaughter of Laverne Trousdale Cline (deceased). Nicole enjoys a variety of activities such as reading, playing with her dolls, sewing, cooking, riding her bicycle, playing basketball, swimming, fishing, camping, hunting with Dad and playing computer and board games.

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# TRIBAL TRACTS

## WELCOME, NEW CITIZEN POTAWATOMI NATION ENROLLEES!

The following Tribal Members were enrolled under Previous Guidelines on May 31, 2001:

Bowles, Jeffrey William  
Bowles, William Joseph  
Cotter, Iris Jeanne Cheatwood  
DeLonais-Dick, Ava Rene  
Eby, Linden Wayne  
Lowery, Evonne Kathryn Bowles  
Parker, Eldonna Darlene DeGraff  
Patton, Jill Ann Holzmeister  
Silas, Joshua Landon  
York, Wanda Darlene

The following Tribal Members were enrolled by Descendency on May 31, 2001:

Abels, Diane Jenice Trailer  
Abels, Katelyn Mae  
Anderson, Scott Shannon  
Baldauff, Basil Neumann  
Baldauff, Brice Thomas  
Barrington, Avery Mae  
Beesley, Brian Keith  
Beesley, Jordan Paige  
Bonewell, Morgan Rain  
Bowles, Aaron James  
Bowles, Austin Joseph  
Bowles, Dallas Ray  
Brewer, Christopher Allen  
Brockner, Kathryn Lee  
Butcher, Jackson Zion  
Butcher, Paul Steven IV  
Butcher, Teri Lee St. Peter  
Byrd, Erin Marie  
Campbell, Danielle Taylor  
Colagiacomo, Autumn Lynn

Cole, Donna Sue McGuire  
Copeland, Jessica Lee  
Copeland, Rachel Katherine  
Daniel, Anna Therese  
Davenport, Adam James  
Davis, Charles Alexander  
Davison, Alden William  
Detherage, Dillon Eugene  
Detwiler, Jordan Christopher  
Dibler, Andrew Christian  
Dibler, Anna Christine  
Dike, Benjamin Travis  
Dike, Miranda Lea  
Dill, Emalee Ann  
Eby, Edwin Wayne  
Edmunds, Mitchel Wade  
Elder, Jonathan Maxwell  
Elder, Kristen Ann  
Erwin, Jay Forrest  
Faulkenberry, Cheyenne LaNae  
Ferris, Anna Dawn  
Ferris, Daniel Lee  
Fincher, Addison Mae  
Fincher, Jarom David  
Foster, Ananda Elizabeth  
Stephanie  
Fox, Brittany Jenice  
Fox, Logan Kade  
Gage, Jamie Marie  
Gage, Jennifer Louise  
Gaines, Autumn Taylor  
Gaines, Tara Brooke  
Gamble, Brooke Nickole  
Gamble, Jaycee Marie  
Gardner, Dillon Everett  
Gardner, Tiffany Noel  
Glaisyer, Preston Dollard  
Gose, Madison Kate  
Griffin, Kaitlin Dawn

Hamilton, Katie Eileen  
Hamilton, Ryan Joseph  
Hardesty, Amie Renee'  
Hardesty, Douglas Jay  
Hardesty, Jennifer Marie  
Hardesty, Michael Scott  
Harvey, Amanda Rose  
Harvey, Thomas Gregory  
Higbee, Megan Nicole  
Higbee, Owen Paul  
Hill, Echo Vechautise  
Hill, Sky Nicholas  
Hill, Star Elise  
Hill, Summer Nicole  
Holding, Christina Lance  
Humphrey, Alexzandra Kristine  
Humphrey, Kimberly Dawn  
Illman, Raeanna Carol  
Jeffers, Sarah Jane  
Jensen, Shawnee Lee Correy  
Johnson, Kaci Michelle  
Johnson, Kori Lane  
Koster, Haley Marie  
Kritkauskay, Ethan Robert  
Kroulil, Gregg Anthony  
Lackey, Brianna Nicole  
Lackey, Brittany Marie  
Lambert, Jacob Riley  
Larsen, Samuel Dylan  
Larsen, Sydney Shay  
Lathers, Ty Stephen  
Laub, Margaret Elizabeth  
Lefell, Phillip William Caige  
Leverett, Kristina Maria  
Limonos, Maria Petra Teresa  
Long, Courtney Darlene  
Lorig, Erica Nicole  
Lowery, Caleb Win  
Lowery, Thomas Allen

Lua, Alexander Alonso  
Malone, Sadie Grace  
Mars, Macie Breann  
Marshall, Rieley Quinn  
Marstall, Michaela Nicole  
Marstall, Shaina Marie  
Mathson, Cameron Merrill  
Mathson, Taylor Jay  
McCalip, Kyle Ray  
McInturff, Nichole Leigh  
McInturff, Stevi Marie  
Melot, Cynthia Rain  
Merrell, Janie Nichole  
Nickels, Desiree Nicole Jean  
Osborn, Jacob Dylan  
Overley, Destinee Sabrina Mae  
Paige, Cheyenne Marie  
Palmer, Caleb Kodiak  
Palmer, Rachael Heruse  
Palmer, Shawna Dare  
Parr, Brooklyn Marie  
Patton, Caroline Grace  
Patton, Elizabeth Ann  
Payne, Siannah Jayceon  
Pelletier, Xavier Michael  
Porter, Melia Carole Reed  
Pyeatt, Joshua Glen  
Pyeatt, Tanner Sterling  
Rains, April Dawn  
Rains, Taeler DeNee'  
Rains, Tara DeNell  
Robinson, Derek Wayne  
Rusow, James Michael  
Scharlow, Nicholas Paul  
Schimmel, Brittany Lynn  
Schimmel, Olivia Dawn  
Simpson, Haley Danielle  
Simpson, Katelynn Taylor  
Slavin, Forrest Leslie

Slavin, Thomas Leslie, Jr.  
Smith, Steven Christopher  
Smith, Taner Kendall  
Snyder, Madilyn Joann  
St. Peter, Timothy Aaron  
Stevens, Damian Drake  
Stevens, Xaviera Moon  
Still, Kristen Nicole  
Still, Ryan Christopher  
Stormont, Chance Joseph  
Sullivan, Hunter Kordell  
Sullivan, Michola Raine  
Swan, Dean Lloyd  
Thompson, Tiffany Amber  
Trailer, Casey Lee  
Trailer, Cody Daniel  
Trailer, Jessica Anna  
Trailer, Ryan James  
Turley, Rebecca Ann  
Tyner, David Randall  
Tyner, Michael Craig  
Vailes, Cash Trenton  
Walden, James Dewayne, Jr.  
Ward, Zachary Alan  
Weatherford, Jason Brent  
West, Amanda Jean  
Whaley, Brandon Lee  
Williams, Adam Peter  
Williams, Alan Michael  
Williams, Jordan Allen  
Wilson, Sydney Brie'Anne  
Winters, Andrea Rene  
Winters, Tiffany Nicole  
Wolffis, Mandy Jo Scharlow  
Wolverton, Nicholas Alexander  
Yerby, Ronald Edward  
Young, Jennifer Suzanne Eby  
Young, Kaylee Cheyenne  
Young, Tyler Lee

## Summer tribal scholarship recipients listed

The following students received the Tribal Scholarship for the summer 2001 semester:

Connie L. Kay East Central University  
Deborah J. Allred ET Dunlap Center for Higher Education  
Shelly J. Minshew-Ryczek Tarrant County College  
Sheri I. Hanson Oregon Institute of Technology  
Rachel M. Williams Oklahoma City Community College  
Alan K. Goodin Eastern Oklahoma State College  
Rhonda R. Honeycutt University of California-Santa Barbara  
Kandis C. Dyer Tulsa Community College  
Sarah A. Sander University of Central Oklahoma  
Chasity D. Belshe Seminole State College  
Shane D. Mandrell Santa Fe Community College  
Wendy M. Ogle Oklahoma City Community College  
Brooke N. Rumsey Oklahoma State University  
Derek Whitten Tulsa Community College  
Aaron J. Waite DeVry Institute of Technology  
Elizabeth M. Digesare California State University-Chico  
Kari J. Hale Oklahoma State University  
Lisa M. Franklund University of Houston Downtown  
Eric W. Roberts SW Assemblies of God  
Heidi L. Cecil Northeastern State University  
Jill A. Gomez University of Central Oklahoma  
Allison N. Barrett University of Central Oklahoma  
Brian E. Gayer SW Oklahoma State University  
Thomas K. Nickou University of Central Oklahoma  
Jerry E.E. Griffith University of Oklahoma-College of Law  
Richard A. Meyer, Jr. Sierra Academy of Aeronautics

Jennifer A. Heckadon  
Lori A. Turner  
Gayla S. Helbling  
Jeanne L. Pierce  
Tiffany R. Cheatwood  
Michael P. Whittle  
Isaac D. Longcrier  
Traci A. Wright  
Lorrie A. Rayburn  
Czarina A. Thompson  
Michelle D. McCarty  
Mary E. Tasier  
Shiree D. Randell  
Diana L. Williams  
Ronda R. Ford  
Roger E. King, Jr.  
Kari L. Minch  
Kami L. Fleck  
Jennifer L. Fox  
Jeremiah J. Wright  
Allison B. Frakes  
Jamie A. Erler  
Tyler G. Lawson  
Leigh A. Singer  
David M. DeMott  
Michelle S. Sweeney  
Cassia L. Callaghan

Pittsburg State University  
Washburn University  
Southern Arkansas University  
Drury College  
Oklahoma City Community College  
Caldwell College  
MMI (Motorcycles Mechanics Inst.)  
SW Oklahoma State University  
Pittsburg State University  
University of Oklahoma  
Oklahoma City Community College  
Oklahoma City Community College  
University of Science & Arts  
Kiamichi Technology Center  
Gordon Cooper Vo-Tech  
Star Training  
Indiana University-Purdue/Ft. Wayne  
Northern Oklahoma College  
Missouri Southern State College  
University of Oklahoma  
Oklahoma City Community College  
Lansing Community College  
Rose State College  
Illinois Valley Community College  
Westwood College of Technology  
Cowley County Community College  
Texas A&M/Commerce

Jeremy W. Wakelee  
Dana L. Morrow  
Tiffany N. Winters  
Miranda S. Pugh  
Wesley R. Helbling  
Teresa A. Kennedy  
Dustin D. Hagerman  
Stanley Williams III  
David M. Ivy  
Amy L. Hill  
Dale W. Maynard, Jr.  
Jamie L. Mulanax  
Traci J. Kane  
Brandi R. Morris  
Jami L. Gates  
Timothy W. Frakes  
Thomas J. Slavin  
William G. Bussard  
Guilia L. Bussard  
Michael A. Pace  
Diedre G. Torres  
Jenny L. Affentranger  
Alex S. Christensen  
Roy D. Tucker  
Rhonda K. Bathurst  
Lori A. Snyder  
Cory A. Smith

Rose State College  
Richland College  
Oklahoma State College  
University of Oklahoma  
South Arkansas Community College  
SW Oklahoma State University  
Oklahoma State University  
University of Oklahoma  
East Central University  
Emporia State University  
Parker College of Chiropractics  
Barton County Community College  
Connors State College  
University of Central Oklahoma  
Seminole State College  
OSU-Oklahoma City  
SW Missouri State University  
Texas Tech University  
Texas Tech University  
OSU-Oklahoma City  
University of Tulsa  
East Central University  
San Diego State University  
University of Tulsa  
American College of Chinese Medicine  
Wes Watkins Technology Center  
SW Kansas Technical School





# CITIZEN POTAWATOMI NATION

# Festival 2001



Tribal Supreme Court Justice Bill Rice Administers The Oath Of Office To Chairman John A. Barrett Jr. At 2:30 A.M. July 1

Right: Grievance Committee Member Kristie Hall Is Sworn In By Justice Rice



Left: Grievance Committee Member Teresa Vieux Is Sworn By Justice Rice, With The Assistance Of Tribal Court Clerk Vicky Lofton

## 2001 General Council proves short and sweet

By GLORIA TROTTER

In a surprisingly brief and peaceful General Council meeting June 30, members of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation heard glowing financial reports on the tribe's enterprises while waiting patiently for results of the annual election.

They had a long time to wait.

While election results are usually announced at the Council meeting, everyone knew this year would be different. A record number of absentee ballots — 2,790 — meant the counting would take a lot longer than usual. Tribal members were told the results would be announced at the pow wow grounds that evening, probably around 7 p.m. or so.

But that time came and went, with periodic updates from the Election Committee that it would take a while longer. Finally, about 2 a.m., the few hardy souls left standing — mostly the candidates and their families — were summoned to the Long Room where the council was reconvened according to tribal law.

The landslide win by longtime Chairman John A. Barrett Jr. ended months of tension and tough campaigning by both sides, his and challenger Esther Lowden's. Barrett won in both the absentee and live vote, defeating Lowden 1,701 to 713. Grievance Committee posts were won

by John Rhodd, Kristie Sue Hall and Teresa Kay Vieux (see box for a breakdown of the vote). Only 500 tribal members voted last year.

Barrett, who won by more than 70 percent of the vote, and two of three newly-elected Grievance Committee members were sworn in about 2:30 a.m. by Bill Rice, chief justice of the tribe's Supreme Court. In a brief speech afterward, Barrett said he appreciated those who helped him and pledged to lead the tribe to best of his ability. He has been the elected chairman of the tribe since 1985.

But the outcome of the election was unknown when the council convened at 3 p.m. in the tribal bingo hall, and many observers expected a repeat of last year's lengthy council meeting with its many pointed questions. That didn't happen.

Barrett first called on First National Bank president Larry Briggs, who reported that the bank's \$63.4 million in assets are up 12.5 percent. Deposits increased 15 percent to \$57 million, capital increased 38 percent, and income increased 100 percent, he said. "We are the fastest growing bank in Shawnee," Briggs said.

Barrett added that there are eight tribally owned banks in the country now "and ours is the largest."

Tribal auditor Jeff Detwiler pointed out that the tribe chose to change

auditing firms this year to "get a fresh look at the numbers." He said tribal revenues totalled \$41,345,000, up eight percent. He credited the grant and contract writing office for much of that and said he is "very impressed with the overall condition of the tribe."

Detwiler noted that sales at the

tribe's new FireLake Discount Foods totalled \$4,300,000 through June 29, for the first two months of operation, 25 percent ahead of projections. Total construction costs for the store were listed at \$9 million, with \$3 in debt

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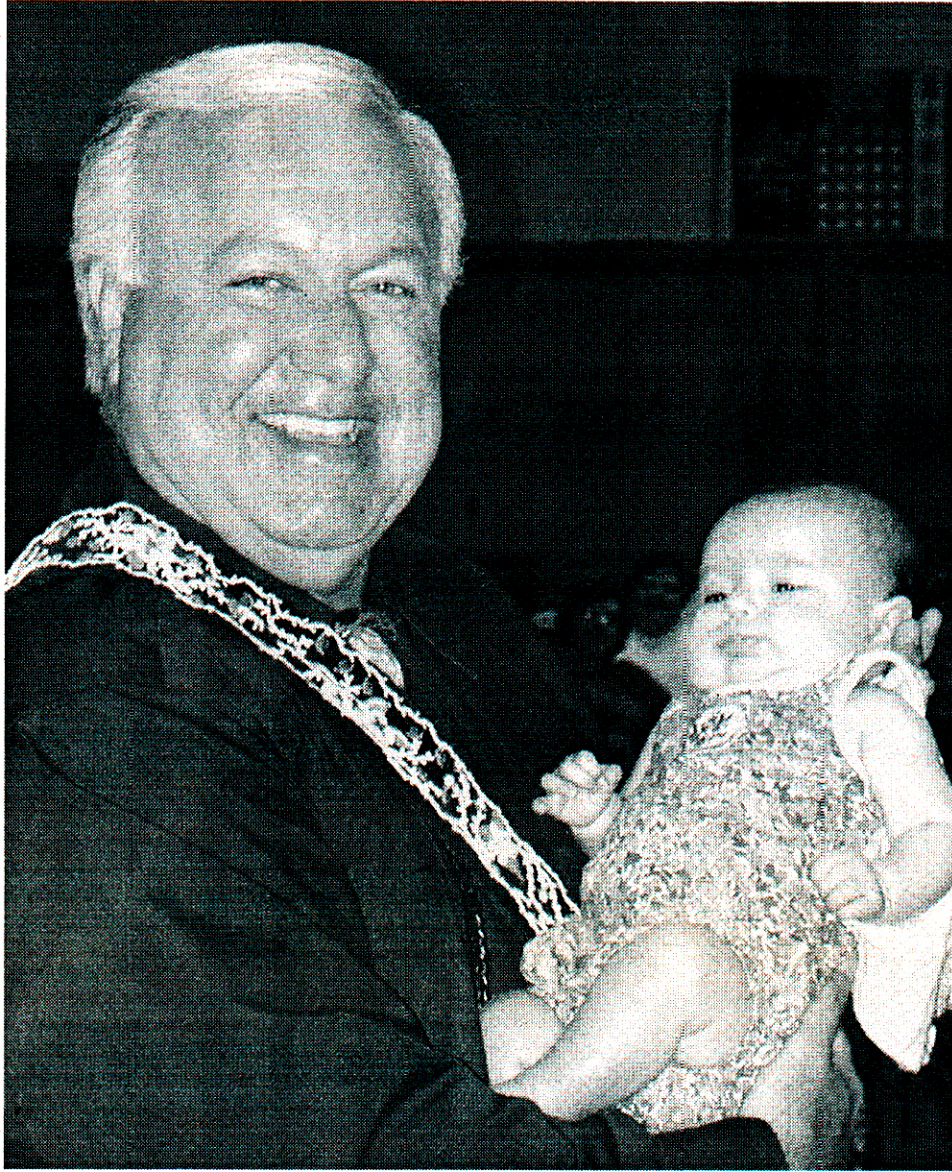
### ELECTION ABSTRACT POTAWATOMI TRIBAL ELECTION JUNE 30TH, 2001

<u>Chairman</u>			
Votes	Absentee	Live	Total Votes
John A. Barrett, Jr.	1461	240	1701
Esther Lily Lowden	479	234	713
<u>Grievance Committee #1</u>			
Votes	Absentee	Live	Total Votes
John Rhodd	1115	268	1383
Paul Anthony Schmidtkofer	656	192	848
<u>Grievance Committee #2</u>			
Votes	Absentee	Live	Total Votes
William Edward Howell (Dub)	634	198	832
Kristie Sue Hall	1138	262	1400
<u>Grievance Committee #3</u>			
Votes	Absentee	Live	Total Votes
Clayton Barrett Oden	773	139	912
Teresa Kay Vieux	1003	325	1328
<u>Budget, Land, Development, Maintenance</u>			
Votes	Absentee	Live	Total Votes
Yes	1435	353	1788
No	283	111	394



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**Chairman Barrett Beams As He Recognizes His Newest Grandchild, Three-Month-Old Kate Barrett, As The Youngest Tribal Member Present For The General Council Meeting.**

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incurred at an average interest rate of 8.83 percent.

Tribal attorney Michael Minnis was not able to present such a glowing report. "We've lost cases in the U.S. Supreme Court, the 10th Circuit, even tribal court," he said. "The Supreme Court is anti-Indian as it's ever been — you could feel the heat." That case was a dispute with a contractor involving the roof of the bank when it was built. He also reported on the tribe's efforts to place the 86.94 "Belshe tract" and the 11,000-acre Knight property into trust, noting that those efforts are not being handled expeditiously in Washington.

Minnis also detailed the tribal court proceedings on the Business Committee's resolutions challenging the chairman's power to hire and fire and its attempt to end his salaried position and some benefits. Barrett challenged the committee's resolutions and won at the tribal District Court level. The case was appealed to the tribal Supreme Court,

which had not yet ruled when this issue went to press.

Also during the Council, Barrett asked that any veterans present be sure to sign up for an honor guard the tribe wants to establish. He said 68 had already done so. "You need to register," he said, noting that "we want to put together a history" of Potawatomi veterans.

Vice Chairman Linda Capps announced winners of the annual Art Competition, and Barrett recognized and presented gifts to Mildred Houser and ??? Vandgrif, both 90, as the eldest tribal members present; to Kate Reardon of Everett, Washington, for traveling farthest; and to his new granddaughter Kate Barrett, three months, as the youngest tribal member present. Kate is the daughter of Barrett's youngest son Jack and his wife Tiffany.

At the end of the meeting, Barrett twice asked for questions from tribal members but none were asked. The council was adjourned after about one hour.



**Vice Chairman Linda Capps With Art Competition Winner Dot Spencer Of Rocky Ford, Colorado.**

**For The Second Year In A Row, Kate Reardon Was The Tribal Member Who Traveled Farthest To Attend The General Council And Heritage Festival**



**Below: Patricia Vandegriff Was One Of Two Ladies Honored As The Eldest Tribal Members Present. Not Pictured Is Mildred Houser. Both Are 90 Years Old.**







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More Potawatomis Than Ever Danced On Pow Wow Night This Year. At Right Are The Regional Directors In The Grand Entry.



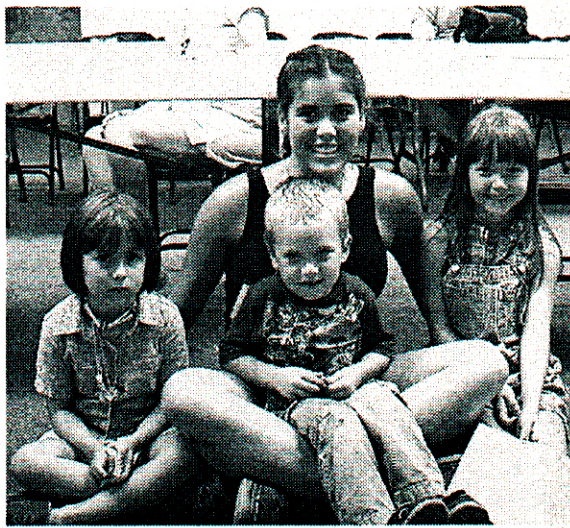
At Left, Chairman John A. Barrett And Vice Chairman Linda Capps Help Lead The Grand Entry.



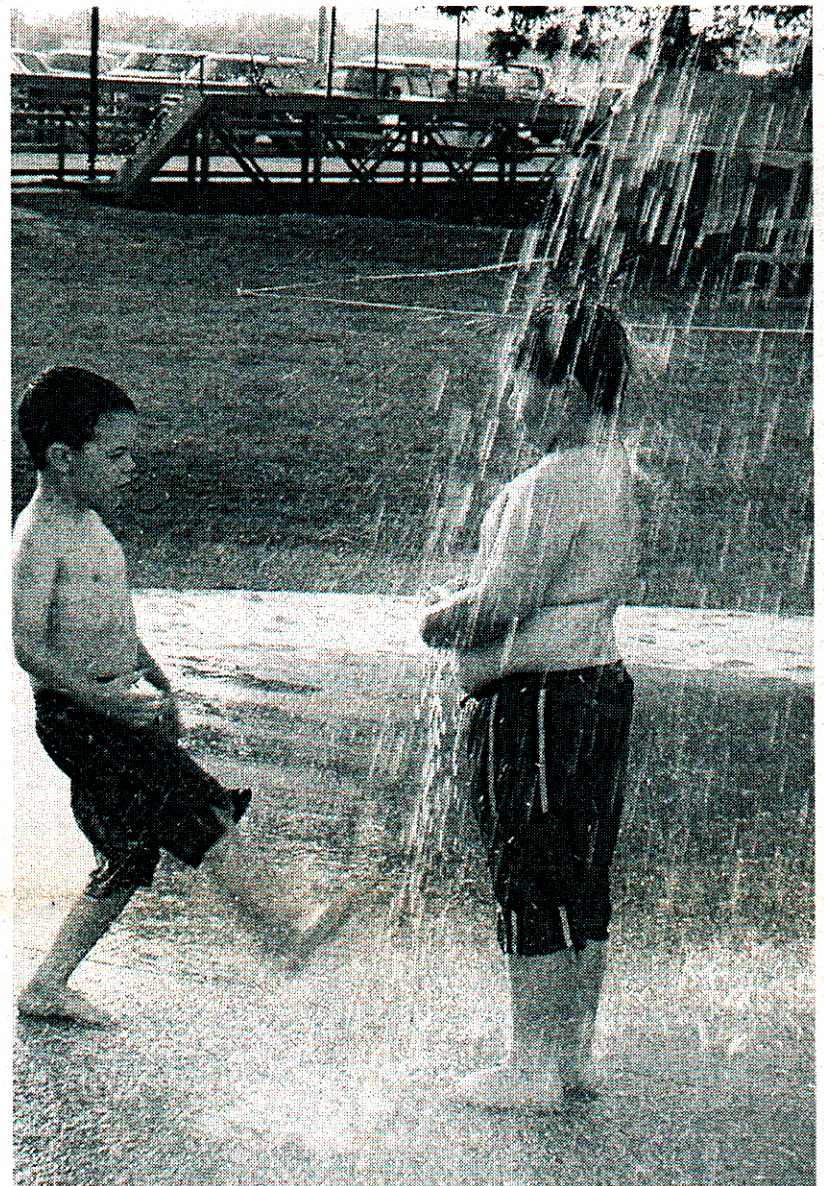


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Tribal Members Of All Ages, Like The Group Above, Took Advantage Of Language Lessons During The Festival. Helping With That Project Was Walter Cooper, Left.



Festival Is About Families, And There Were Lots Of Reunions, Organized And Otherwise. At Left Is Part Of The Roy T. Smith Family.



*Festival  
Photographs  
Throughout This  
Issue Were  
Taken By Holly  
Gordon, Dennette  
Bare, And Gloria  
Trotter.*





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## Dance Lessons

Peggy Kinder And Zack Morris, Left, Taught Dance Lessons To Dozens Of Eager Tribal Members Like Those Pictured At Right And Below. (Photos By Holly Gordon)



There Were Plenty Of Activities For Youngsters During The Festival. Here, A Young Lady Gets A Special Arm Decoration.



Tribal Employee Janet Draper, Left, Visits With Bill Peltier



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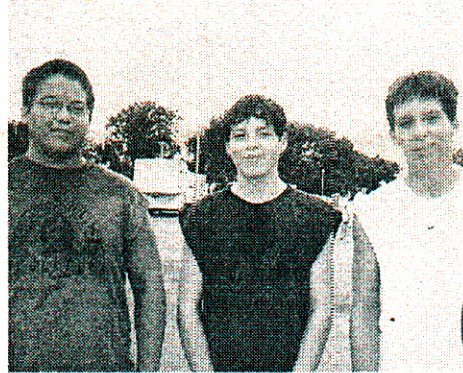
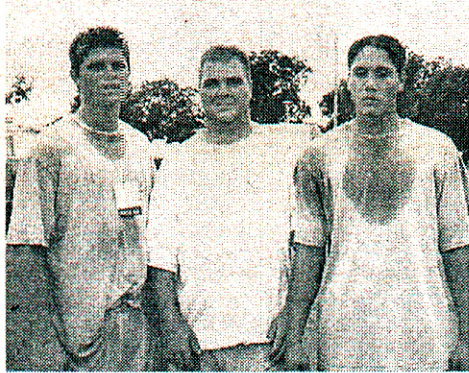
### Men's Basketball Winners

Above: First Place Team Brian Beasley, Reo Miller, Chris Jones. Below Left: Second Place Team Brad Armitage, Jeff Kieffer, Scotty Littlehead. Below Right: Third Place Team Jim Pleets, Dennis Pleets, Boyd Pleets.

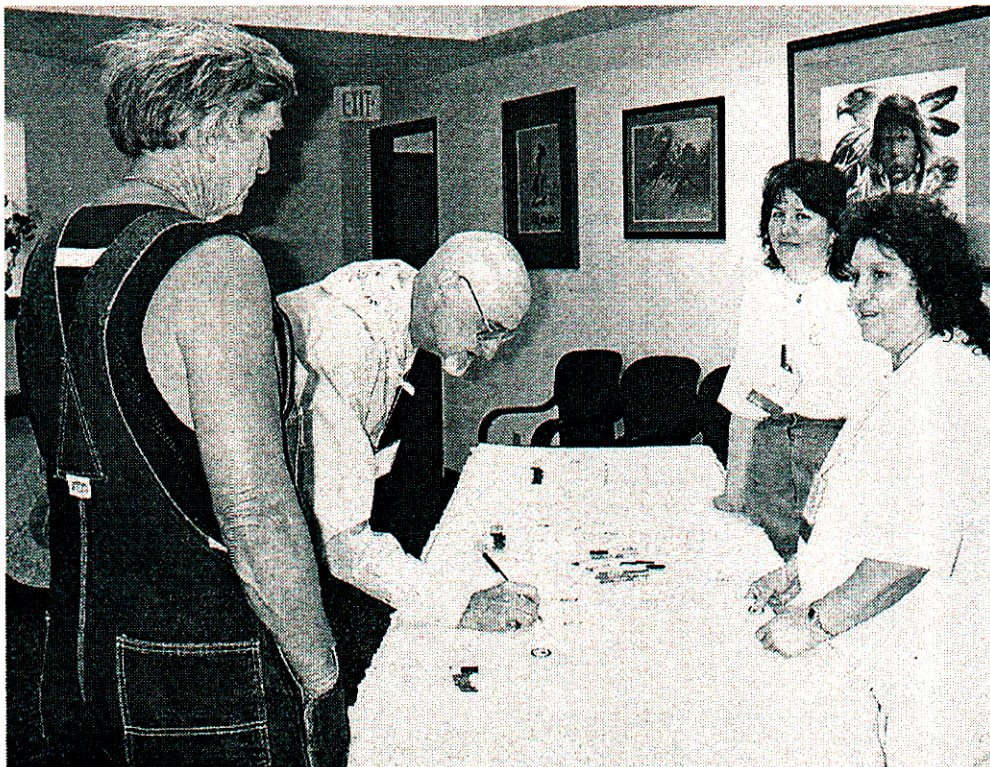


### Mixed Basketball Winners

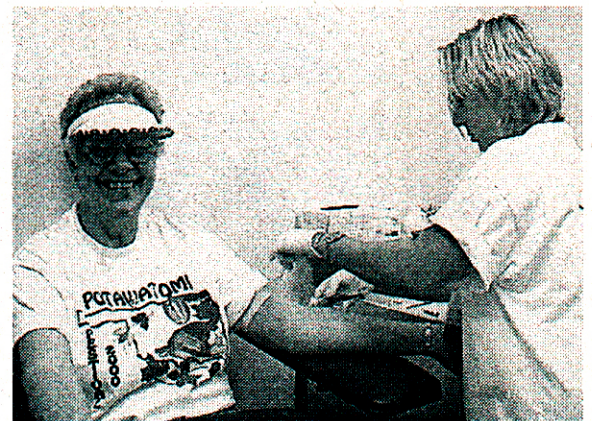
Above: First Place Team Travis Moisant, Krystal Moisant, Chuck Moisant. Below Left: Second Place Team Brian Beasley, Brooke Beasley, Chris Jones. Below Right: Third Place Team Edward Wood, Tammy Wood, Kyle Marshall.



## Open House At CPN Health Services



Many Tribal Members Took Advantage Of Special Tours, Free Health Checks And Plenty Of Information During Open House At Tribal Health Services, Always Part Of The Heritage Festival Schedule.







# CITIZEN POTAWATOMI NATION

# Festival 2001

## 2nd Annual Archery Competition



First Place, Compound Archery,  
Mike Bare, With Vice Chairman  
Linda Capps



Second Place, Compound Archery, Nathan  
Thomas, With Vice Chairman Linda Capps



Third Place, Compound Archery, Rob Bruno  
And Lynn Phillips



Compound Archery Winners



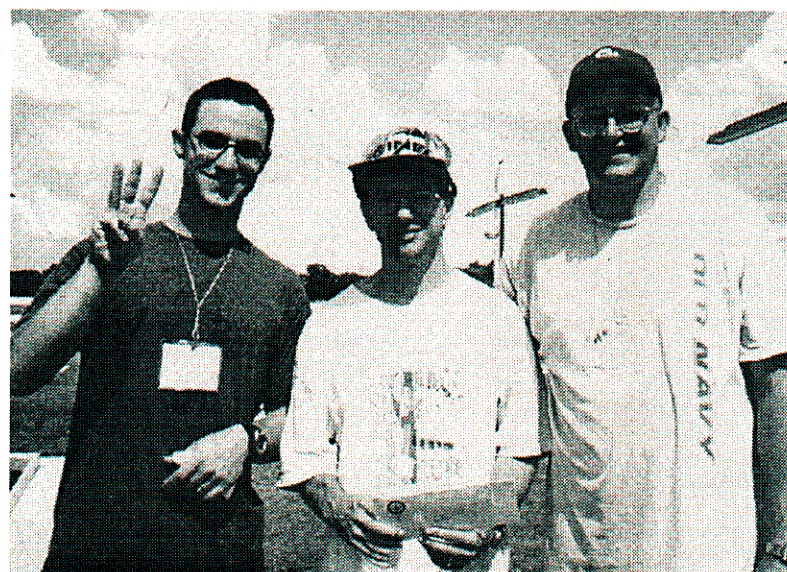
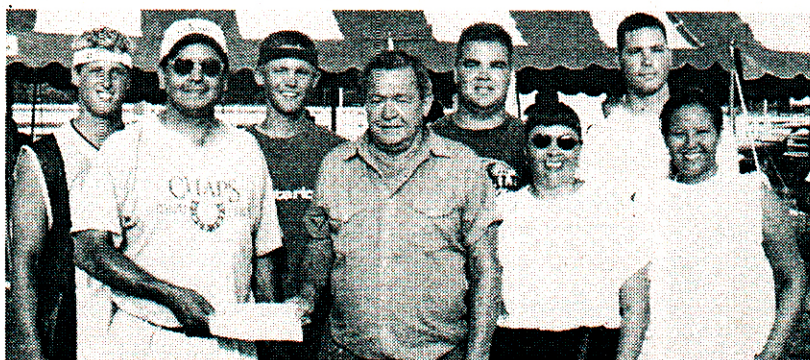
Traditional Archery Winners

Photos By Dennette Bare



### Volleyball Winners

Top Left: First  
Place Team;  
Bottom Left,  
Second Place  
Team



### Mini-Putt Winners

First Place, Barry Watson (Right); Second Place, Shawn  
Hubble, (Center); Third Place, Jeff McKee (Left)



# Festival 2001

## CITIZEN POTAWATOMI NATION



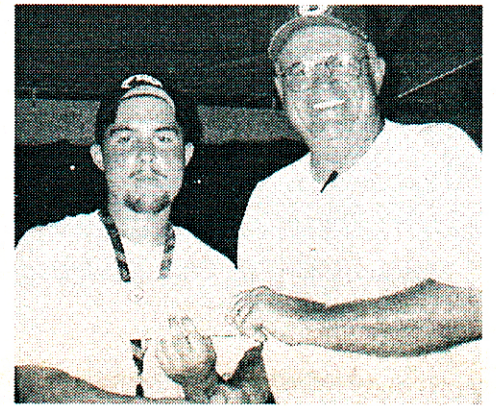
**Women's Dance Winners**



**Men's Dance Winners**



**Dominoes Winners Ruth Smith, First; Eli Taimasey, Second; Elwanda Loyd, Third**

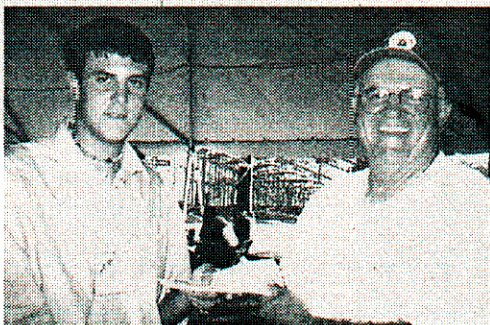


Left: Chess Winners Rick White, First Place (Right) And Aaron Rhodes, Second (Left). Above: Third Place Chess Winner Travis Canfield Receives His Prize From Gary Smith



### Checkers!

Above Left: Checkers Winners Randy Harrod, First Place (Right) And Lora McHenry, Second Place (Left). Below Left: Third Place Checker Winner Cody McCorkle Receives His Check From Gary Smith



### Fry Bread Winners

The best fry bread? First place winner was Mary Lous Masquat, left; second was Virginia Greenwood, center; and third was Bessie Proctor, right.





## CITIZEN POTAWATOMI NATION

# Festival 2001



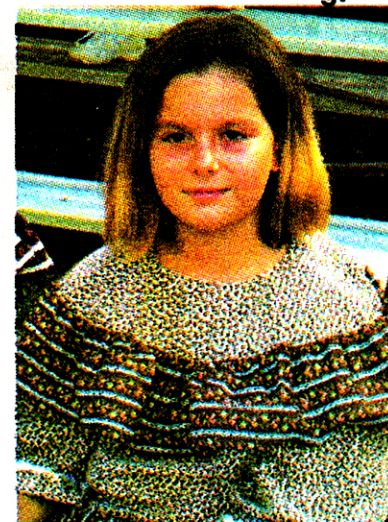
Members Of The CPN Business Committee Show Their Respect During The Grand Entry



My, They Can Start Young!



Sitting and Watching Was One Of The Best Things To Do



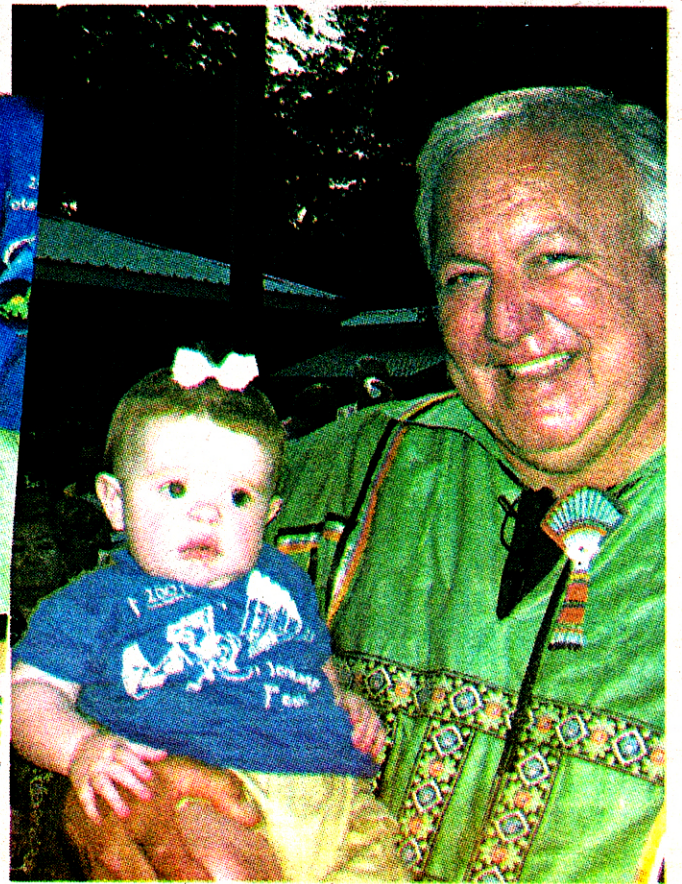


# Festival 2001

## CITIZEN POTAWATOMI NATION



*They were young, old and in-between...*



*...but they were all Potawatomi and they were home!*





# Midwest Regional Council



Eldest Tribal Member At The Council Was Fleta Ables



Traveling Farthest To Attend The Council Were Shaunna and Joe Wano



Youngest Tribal Member Present Was Joshua Rauzi, Shown Shaking Hands With Chairman John A. Barrett



Veterans Tom Cooper And John Bourbannais Were Introduced By Chairman Barrett



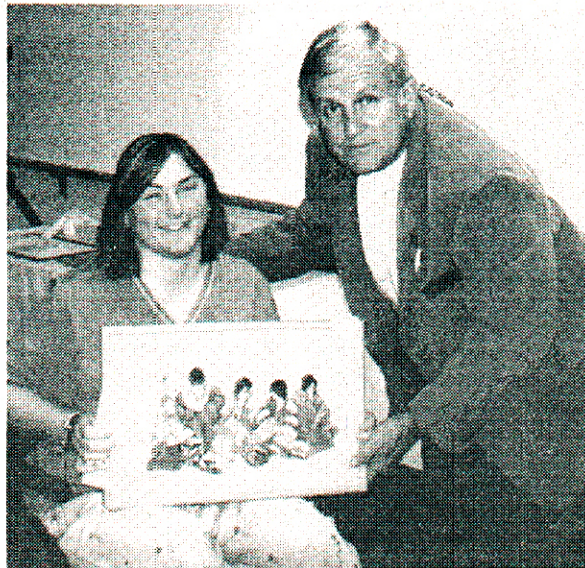
Gary Wano, Chairman Barrett



Pat Brollier, Anna McAuley, Betty Hancock



# Midwest Regional Council



Art Contest Winners, Congratulated By Committeeman Hilton Melot: Rauzi For Women Weaving"; And Right, Nicholas Spalding For "Self Left, First Place Winner Roy Slavin For "Ring Dancer"; Center, Kimbelea Portrait."



Above: Chairman Barrett With Dick And Jean Holzmeister And Others. Below: Jerry And Jane Meens



Above Right:  
Phyllis Riat,  
Lucille Mize,  
Esther Adams.  
Below Right:  
Dorothy Smith,  
June And Darrel  
Smith.







## Regional Office Directory

**REGION 1 - OREGON/IDAHO**

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(INCLUDES ALASKA & HAWAII)

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The Citizen Potawatomi Nation is divided into different "Regional Offices" to help cover the extended membership across the nation. Originally labeled merely by region names, regional boundaries were established in late 1997 using the US Postal Service "3 digit" Zip code areas. Region '0' is generally considered Oklahoma while the other states that are not numbered currently do not have an official "Region" designator.

## REGIONAL REPORTS

### South Texas

Hau bosho Chak

Ni je na ngom?

Are you ready for summer?

It's already here for us eh?

We had a good time at the Council meeting at the Museum of Natural Science here in Houston. Was great to see all of you there.

The fireflies are here again ... the butterflies too. Did you know that butterflies like bananas? Put a little bit on a plate and watch them as they come to feed. Isn't it good to know some things stay the same always?

Do you remember playing in the clover as a child there in Oklahoma? We used to make "bracelets" of the flowers. We used to get stung by the bees in that clover too. I remember my grandmother had a bottle of blue liquid she used in the laundry tubs to whiten the sheets and other things. That bottle had a cork in it. When we got stung we would go running to her whining and she would take that cork out of the "blueing" bottle and make a

neat blue circle on the sting.

"Now go on and play" she would tell us. "You will be fine, only the good die young."

I have come to believe she was right about that ... as she was about many other things. I would sure like to talk to her now ... and to her father before her ... but they walked on years ago.

I tell you of these memories to get to this: we need to listen to those Elders who are with us now ... they do know by experience what some of us are still learning the hard way.

Trial and error works ... but it can be costly in so many ways we can't afford that we need to access all the wisdom we can muster.

Did the Chinese pilot taking our surveillance plane out of the air make you just a little uncomfortable? Does the balance of power in the Senate today make you appreciate what one person can do?

We have it easy folks ... our ancestors paid the price for us

... did all the real fighting and dying ... made all the major decisions about the moving and all the major sacrificing those moves entailed. They built a future for us — more importantly for our children and our grand children. We only have to nurture what we already have and pass it on.

This means we have an obligation not only to ourselves and the seven generations coming ... we owe a debt to the seven who preceded us as well, eh?

Enjoy the butterflies and the fireflies and remember that Mother Earth gives us everything. The clothing, the food, the shelter we enjoy, all come from Her. And the beauty we look at and sometimes don't even see before us is a gift from Her as well.

Do what you can to keep Her for the children. Do what you can to keep our Nation strong and intact. I shall.

Debanen Chak

Lu Ellis

Start making plans to attend the

8th Annual

Potawatomi Traditional Gathering & Pow Wow

scheduled for August 2, 3, 4, & 5, 2001

Hosted by the Potawatomi Nation of Canada

Wasauksing First Nation

Parry Island, Parry Sound, Ontario, Canada

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation has chartered a bus to transport those interested in attending this event. The cost of the bus ride is free, the only expenses that participants need to worry about is lodging (approximately \$350 for 7 nights) and food on the trip to and from Ontario. A \$50 non-refundable deposit is required to hold your space on the bus.

If you are interested in joining the Citizen Potawatomi Nation for this occasion, please contact Vickie Canfield or Cathie Hanson at 405-275-3121 or 800-880-9880.



# Poetry Contest Winners

## First Place

### WASHINGTON D.C.

By Vivian Crayton

There is no connection  
in Washington DC  
to Native America.  
It is lost in the blankness  
of white flag stripes  
fighting the red,  
of manicured gardens  
killing the weeds.

Now this enlarged abdomen  
whispers to my mother,  
carries my blood back to the earth  
through life to home, to  
Native America  
repeating the songs  
stored in my blood.

## Second Place

### WITHIN OUR LOVE

By Marilyn Trask-Morton

*I walk a careful line within our love.*

I saw her again today.  
Sunglasses in place to hide  
the bruised heart and body.  
Barely speaking "hello" above a whisper.

*I dare not stand alone within our love.*

I saw her from a distance  
moving quietly with the children.  
The burns hidden under long sleeves  
wearing her shame quietly.

*I never speak the truth within our love.*

She looks older today  
with the scarf covering her hair.  
Her face tear streaked  
Insecure with her terror.

*I feel inadequate within our love.*

She and I are one.  
The shock guides me to an escape  
before the spirit of my soul  
diminishes into eternity.

I try to blot out the silence and anger that  
robbed me of respect.  
I will not forget  
lest my sensitive heart feel the torture again.

I grieve for the loss.  
Years wasted.  
Unproclaimed suffering  
and bitter devastation.  
I am alone from necessity to  
become safe within my love.

## Third Place

### THE OLD ONE

By Dorothy Hicks

I sit by the campfire  
What a wonderful sight,

The flames are dancing far  
Into the night,  
A legend is told by one of the old  
How the tribe spent the winter cold  
And half froze,

The tribe had little food,  
What they caught on the run,

They used the bow and arrows  
For they had no bullets or guns,

I look upon the gravestones,  
And I can really see that 30  
Was an old age and 21 it seems,

Life was hard and children  
Didn't fit the scheme,

Three months, six months, seven years  
And all along the way,

I could see the children dying  
Falling by the way

The tribe was on the move  
They had no time to pray,

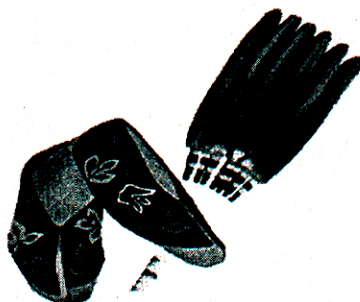
The mother's tears were falling  
The fathers cried along the way,  
They couldn't keep from falling  
As ice was slick that day,

Keep going was a command,  
Of the day,  
You wretched people it's your fault  
That I'm here today,

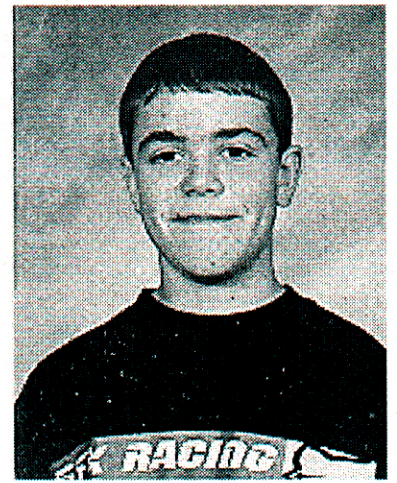
To get you where you're going,  
I've got to earn my pay,  
So if you fall or die,  
It's just another day,

The old one, had to stop,  
to stop and catch his breath,

For tears were falling down his face,  
As he told of the trail of death.



Happy  
16th  
Birthday,  
Jonathon  
Luper!



## Pilot program helps elders find services

Finding appropriate services to help American Indian elders is not always a simple task. However, thanks to a new pilot program, the Eldercare Locator American Indian Outreach Initiative, finding services in Northern California and Oklahoma is a little easier. Two tribal organizations, the Blue Lake Rancheria Tribe and the Chickasaw Nation Title VI program are working with the Eldercare Locator to help Indian elders and their families locate needed services. The Eldercare Locator is a public service of the U.S. Administration on Aging administered by the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging.

Through this program, person looking for free information about services for elders in the test sites, Northern California and Oklahoma will get the information they need by calling 1-800-677-1116. Callers will be referred to appropriate Indian organizations for services for elders such as:

- Health care services
- Meals delivered at home
- House cleaning
- Transportation services
- Assistance with public benefits
- And, other resources that may be available in the elder's community.

If you need referrals for elder services in Northern California or Oklahoma, call the toll-free Eldercare Locator today at 1-800-677-1116.

### Need Services for Elders in Oklahoma or Northern California?

*...They shared  
with you love,  
honor, respect  
and culture.*

Now, these special people  
need some help  
at home.

You can help by calling:



**ELDER  
CARE  
LOCATOR**

A Voice To Find Community  
Assistance for Seniors

**1-800-677-1116**

A public service funded by the  
U.S. Administration on Aging

*Ripe Woman 2000*



# TRIBAL TRACTS

## Busy prosecutor has historic Potawatomi bloodlines

By Jean LaReau Miller

Oklahoma County Prosecutor Lou Keel is Assistant District Attorney, Supervisor of Drug Enforcement, Domestic Violence, Revocations, Misdemeanor and Sex Crimes Units in Oklahoma City. The job description sounds overwhelming; however, Keel is a zealous advocate for crime victims. That personal concern does not lighten the responsibility, it just becomes less consuming.

"For most of the 20 years that I have been an ADA, I have prosecuted child molestation cases and other sex crimes. Working with children in those situations ... those who really need a friend has its own reward, Keel said. It is believed that he has prosecuted more child molesters than anyone in Oklahoma.

Keel is one of two ADAs assigned to prosecute Terry Lynn Nichols for his involvement in the April 1995 bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Building in Oklahoma City. A gag order has been issued that binds the prosecutors from commenting on the case.



Keel is enrolled on the Chickasaw tribal rolls. His great-grandfather, Billy D. Keel, sat on the last Chickasaw Legislature, disbanded by an act of the U.S. Congress in 1907. Billy's son, L.D. was Lou's grandfather, and L.D.'s son Earl is Lou's father. In addition to the surname Keel, others related by blood to the family on Chickasaw rolls are Walton and Newton.

The prosecutor's maternal bloodlines are Potawatomi through the families of Topinebee, Bertrand, Higbee and LaReau. As a leader of his people, Topinebee allied his forces with the great Shawnee leader Tecumseh in his efforts to stem the encroachment of European immigrants into the Northwest Territory. That alliance continued until Tecumseh's death in the Battle of Thames in Canada, October 5, 1813.

Keel's education was widespread and diverse, beginning with grade schools in Midwest City, Oklahoma; Columbus, Ohio; and across the Pacific Ocean to Tokyo, Japan. There he enrolled in the 5th grade with ambassadors' sons from local embassies at St. Mary's International School to "cipher tip" algebra and learn to speak the dead but still beautiful language, Latin. Instruction was administered under the no-nonsense direction of Canadian Jesuits.

When he returned to the United States, Keel attended high school in

New York's mid-Hudson Valley at Cornwall where he would graduate. The scenic town is located in the shadow of Storm King, one of the Catskill Mountains, and the site of fictional character Rip Van Winkle's record-setting nap.

Keel began his college years in upstate New York at Cobleskill, where he wrestled and studied accounting. Later, he returned to Oklahoma and enrolled at Oklahoma City University, finishing his undergraduate study with a degree in journalism.

As an intern with the *Daily Oklahoman*, he soon realized that printer's ink was not in his veins. "I was back at OCU and in law school that September," Keel said. And there he found his niche.

Both Keel's maternal and paternal lines are etched with names of those public spirited, concerned with the well-being and rights of the people. Chickasaw and Potawatomi citizens should be pleased to know that another of their own is carrying on in this tradition.

## CPN POSITION OPENINGS

### Seeking NAGPRA Project Coordinator

Please submit your curriculum vitae to Julio Sanchez, Director of Human Resources to apply for the position of NAGPRA Coordinator possessing archaeological/anthropological experience and education. This candidate will coordinate a recently awarded Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) grant for a period up to two years. The candidate must have a bachelor's degree in Anthropology and experience with CRM. Major responsibilities will include database development, object tracking and documentation, museum consultation, traveling, and working with tribal elders. Training in Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and NEPA are a plus.

### Fall Language Lessons will be held

**September 17**  
**October 1, 15 and 29**  
**November 12 and 26**

**For more information, or to sign-up, contact Suzanne Battese at 405-273-3216**

### Radio Station Manager

This position will be responsible for supervising the planning and execution of local news broadcasts and public affairs featured on KGFF AM 1450; coaching and training radio news reporters and producers; overseeing work activities; participating in station management; actively seek new advertising revenue in the local community and maintain goodwill with current clients. Applicant must have a Bachelor's degree in Journalism, Broadcasting, Communications or related field.

### Citizen Potawatomi Nation Early Head Start Schedule of Events

Cultural Day -  
4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of every month  
Health Service Advisory Committee Meeting - 12:00 p.m. on the 1<sup>st</sup>  
Thursday of every month  
Policy Council Meeting - 9:00 a.m. on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of every month  
Parent Meeting - 6:00 p.m. on the 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Tuesday of every month  
For more information, call 405-275-3121.



### Rhodd Attends Conference

Max Rhodd of Winfield, KS attended the 2001 Volunteer Ombudsman Conference April 26-27 in Topeka, KS. The conference offered a variety of workshops on issues to help volunteer's better assist the vulnerable elderly in Kansas nursing homes, all with the goal of providing better services and information to residents. This year's theme "Putting the Pieces Together For Better Resident Care," highlights the primary goal of the Long-Term Care Ombudsman's Office. Max is pictured with his son Robert G. Hatton who is the Regional Long-Term Care Ombudsman for Area II in North Central Kansas. Robert received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Southwestern College in Winfield, KS with the assistance of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation tribal scholarship fund. Max is a Certified Volunteer Ombudsman for Area IV in South Central Kansas and a descendant of Noah J. Rhodd.



# AND THE WINNERS WERE...

## Men's Horseshoe

1st place - Jerry Melot  
2nd place - Frank Rhodd  
3rd place - Alan Foster

## Ladies Horseshoe

1st place - Michelle Isaacs  
2nd place - Dawn Honsinger  
3rd place - Chrysti Bruner

## Indian Car Contest

1st place - Susan Hicks  
2nd place - David Melot  
3rd place - Esther Lowden

## Men's Dance Competition

1st place - Jeremy Finch  
2nd place - Sam James  
3rd place - Jon Ketzler  
4th place - Vincent Ketzler  
5th place - Jessie James  
6th place - Tyler Kline

## Archery Competition

### Compound Division

1st place - Mike Bare  
2nd place - Nathen Thomas  
3rd place - Rob Bruno and Lynn Phillips

## Men's 3 on 3 Basketball

### 1st place team

Brian Beasley  
Reo Miller  
Chris Jones

### 2nd place team

Brad Armitage  
Scotty Littlehead  
Jeff Kieffer

### 3rd place team

Boyd Pleets  
Jim Pleets  
Dennis Pleets

## Mixed 3 on 3 Basketball

### 1st place team

Travis Moisant  
Krystal Moisant  
Chuck Moisant

### 2nd place team

Brian Beasley  
Brooke Beasley  
Chris Jones

### 3rd place team

Edward Wood  
Tammy Wood  
Kyle Marshall

## Women's Dance Competition

1st place - Maryann Bell  
2nd place - Peggy Kinder  
3rd place - Carla Klinekole  
4th place - Amanda Wamego  
5th place - Margaret Zientek

## Archery Competition

### Traditional Division

1st place - David Cross  
2nd place - Leon Cross  
3rd place - Marcus Stagner

## 1st place team

Mike Wood  
Jeff Kieffer  
Christie Williams  
Roy Silas  
John Weddle  
Travis Moisant  
Lynn Clay  
Kevin Campbell

## 2nd place team

Richard Driskell  
Julio Sanchez  
Joe Garcia  
Jill Hudson  
Nicole Jenks  
Ernest Hobdy  
Patrick Cobbs  
Amy Hawkins

## Volleyball Tournament

### 3rd place team

Tammy Wood  
Edward Wood  
Chris Longlodge  
Kyle Marshall  
Candie Weddle

## 4th place team

Aaron Capps  
Brian Capps  
Kimberely Capps Brown  
Amy Reed  
Kathy Henry  
Greg Henry  
Mike Moore  
Bob Cain

## Checkers

1st place - Randall Harrod  
2nd place - Lora McHenry  
3rd place - Cody McGorkle

## Golf Tournament

### 1st place team

Phillip Ogee, Sr.  
Scott Ogee  
Phillip Ogee, Jr.  
Lana Ogee  
Larry Ogee

### 2nd place team

Gary D. Smith  
Michael W. Smith  
Gary R. Smith  
Gregory A. Smith  
Bryan Clark

### 3rd place team

David Barrett  
Clayton Seaborn  
Jim Post  
B. Stephens  
Chad Stewart  
Casey Patton

## Chess

1st place - Rick White  
2nd place - Aaron Rhodes  
3rd place - Travis Canfield

## Mini Putt Competition

1st place - Barry Watson  
2nd place - Shawn Hubble  
3rd place - Jeff McKee

## Dominoes

1st place - Ruth Smith  
2nd place - Eli Taimasey  
3rd place - Elwanda Loyd





# CPN ANNUAL REPORTS

(The following annual reports are in addition to those printed in last month's issue.)

## Indian Child Welfare Janet Draper, Director

The Indian Child Welfare Program monitors tribal court cases, state court cases, adoptions and subsidized adoptions. The ICW office also provides home-based services, foster care, prevention services, counseling, parenting skills, respite care and crisis intervention. Approximately 300 families receive one or more of these services on an annual basis. Currently there are 2,563 children age 18 or younger enrolled in the Citizen Potawatomi Nation within the State of Oklahoma, and 5,519 enrolled members across the United States. Children who are eligible for ICW services have generally been removed from their parents by a court of competent jurisdiction for abuse or neglect. These children are then placed in a foster care situation or into the care of a relative. According to the Child Welfare League of America, 12.5 out of every 1,000 Native American children are placed in substitute care, compared to 6.9 out of every 1,000 children from all races.

The Child Protection Specialist is required by law to investigate reports of child abuse and neglect on Trust or Restricted land (reservations). They assist families in making sure that the child is safe. The target population for services includes families in which there is a risk of child abuse or neglect or in which abuse or

neglect is alleged to have occurred.

The Family Preservation Program, Title IV-B assists families with children in the home who are at risk of being removed from the home. The program offers parenting sessions, home-based services, court advocacy, case management, family crisis assistance and makes referrals to other agencies.

The Family Violence Program offers assistance to persons of any age that may find them in a volatile situation. This program supports the efforts of other community agencies such as the Unzner Center and Project Safe.

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation received a grant from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, which supports and enhances tribal efforts for comprehensive delinquency prevention and control for Native American Youth. In the Soaring Eagles Program, juveniles from the ages of 6 to 18 will receive prevention and diversionary services with a focus on alcohol, drugs, gangs, and school success. All diversionary programs focus on preventing further penetration into the juvenile justice system.

The First Offenders Program is a 10-session program utilizing substance abuse education, juvenile justice system overview, "Speak Out" presentations, anger management groups and other topics to reduce recidivism among juvenile offenders.

Indian Child Welfare Statistics  
October 1, 1999 to September 30, 2000

- Neglect Contacts — 67

- Sexual Abuse Contacts — 12
- Physical Abuse Contacts — 35
- Emotional — 48
- Guardianships — 18
- In Need Of Treatment/Referral To Mental Health — 63
- Court Appearances — 45
- Parenting Class Participants — 4
- Current ICW Cases — 62
- Child Protection Cases — 8
- Hours Of Training For Three Staff Members — 480
- Phone Calls Received — 1,350
- Notices Received — 30
- Foster Homes — 5
- Adoptions — 2
- Transfers To CPN Tribal Court — 4

## Citizen Potawatomi Nation Title VI Program (Administration on Aging) Denise Lackey, Director

Nutrition and socialization are the goals of this program. Elders and their spouses are served a noon meal Monday through Friday at the CPN Administration building. For Elders who are homebound we provide home delivered meals. For FY 2000 the following services were provided to eligible Elders and their spouses.

On site meals: 9,573  
Home delivered meals: 2,951  
Total meals served: 12,524  
Transportation: 1,808  
Information/Referral: 7,827  
Outreach: 3,425  
Recreation, Physical Fitness, Telephone

calls: 11,970

Social activities include board games, oil painting, crafts, television, dominos, bingo, bowling, dancing, one-day trips, some evening trips, and one annual trip. These activities are provided on a rotating schedule. To be eligible for the Title VI program, you must be a Native American Elder (any tribe) age 55yrs or older, not signed up with any other Elder nutrition programs and live in the Citizen Potawatomi Nation service area.

## Elders Health (Native American Transportation) (Aging Services Division)

This program began in October of 1998. We provide transportation for Native Americans in Pottawatomie County. Elders however are our priority. This program is proving to be a success in ensuring Native Americans transportation to doctor's appointments, paying bills, shopping, work, and other services.

As of April 30, 2000 transportation has provided serves to 2,461 Native Americans. The transportation program now takes all elders over the age of 65 to the Firelake Discount Foods at no charge. Call to set up your appointment.

## TRIAD (United States Department of Justice)

This program works with Elders and all law enforcement offices, to inform Elders of frauds and scams, Elder abuse, and violent and property crimes. This program began in September 1998, and has proven to be an asset to our Native American Elders and law enforcement.



## BOOK REPORT

By Hyale Smith, Tribal Rolls Assistant

Title: The Complete How-To Book of Indiancraft

Author: W Ben Hunt

Publisher: Collier Books, Macmillan Publishing Company, 1973

I recently found a book that gives detailed instructions on "68 projects for authentic Indian articles from Teepee to Tom-tom." He writes with authority. Born in the latter part of the 19th Century, he became a self-taught expert on the crafts of the Plains and Woodland Indians.

Even though most of us will never have to rely on our hands and wits to survive in the woods, it is nice to learn the skills to be able to do it.

With the help of drawings that are reminiscent of old-time Sears catalogs, Hunt shows us how to build a shelter, fashion rustic furniture from tree stumps, and carve a flute for singing love songs. He also has chapters on making Indian clothing and jewelry, snowshoes, sleds and goggles, and cooking utensils for the kitchen.

No special tools or talents are needed for most of these projects. Whether you are an experienced craftsman, or just a beginner, you are sure to find something in this book that you can make with your own hands.

If you are interested in reading this book, you can check with your local library or bookstore. (The Tribal Library does not lend books; they are for on-site research only.)

## Denise Lackey recognized in national publication

Deborah 'Denise' Lackey, director of the Title VI/Transportation/TRIAD Programs, was recently recognized in the International Who's Who of Professional Management guide.

Denise has been the director of the Title VI/Elders Health program since 1994 and took on the added responsibilities of transportation and TRIAD in 1998. The Title VI program was designed for elders of Native American descent to meet nutritional needs, enhance socialization, provide physical fitness and to encourage travel and recreation. She plays an important role in the elders' future by informing them about health insurance, Medicare, frauds and scams. Her goal is to stay with the Citizen Potawatomi Nation and continue to help the elders with additional educational programs and activities.

Lackey is a member of the following associations: Oklahoma Indian Council on Aging; National Association of Area Agencies on Aging; Dietary Managers Association; and National Title VI Grantees Association.

## DONATIONS TO THE HOWNIKAN

Jimmie Earven,  
Claypool, AZ - \$50  
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Lambert, Visalia, CA - \$50

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memory of James  
W. Murray - \$20  
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Paul Covington - \$10



# CPN ANNUAL REPORTS



## CPN Housing Authority Bob Carlile, Director

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation Business Committee created the housing authority in 1995. This was the final year for the creation of Indian housing authorities before the new Indian housing act of 1996.

This new law, **The Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (NAHASDA)** was enacted on October 26, 1996. The act and the amendments to this act took effect on October 1, 1997.

NAHASDA requires HUD to make grants to Indian tribes to carry out affordable housing activities. The actual funding of this act will come in the form of a block grant.

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation Housing Authority is pursuing all avenues for providing housing assistance to eligible tribal and Native American families within the jurisdictional boundaries of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

The jurisdictional boundaries of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Housing Authority are the previous reservation of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, described as follows: North of the South Canadian River; South of the North Canadian River; West of the Seminole County line; and East of the Indian Meridian.

A survey was conducted to determine the housing needs of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation people. The housing plan that has been submitted identifies the different areas of need that were discovered by the survey. The areas of

need and the progress being made towards meeting that need are summarized below.

### Rental Program:

Currently we have one rental home program, the duplexes located on Father Murphy drive. We continue to maintain these existing units, designed for elderly residents, in an acceptable condition for occupancy. Our occupancy rate is 95% with an average move in/out turn around of 20 days; our account receivable ratio is 6% or less. We plan to construct 10 additional low-rent duplex units for the elderly to be named Father Murphy II.

We currently provide rental assistance to families or individuals that are students at a post high school facility (i.e. junior college, college, university, trade or vocational school). We have issued 180 rental assistance vouchers to these students for the past two semesters.

We currently are providing assistance for emergency housing services. We have recently purchased six duplex units on Nichols Street in Tecumseh.

### Program Requirements

- Member of Citizen Potawatomi Nation
- Up to 80% median income
- Single person or families
- Compliance with all lease requirements
- 36 month maximum for payment assistance except for the elderly or disabled.

### Home Ownership Program:

This component will assist families in maintaining home ownership by refinancing mortgages or becoming homeowners by providing grants to assist with down payments and/or closing cost in set amounts, so the families can qualify

for a home mortgage loan.

We have assisted 64 families by providing the down payment assistance and/or closing costs to secure the mortgage financing for the purchase or development of single family homes.

We have utilized the HUD Section 184 loan program for Native American eligible borrowers in the service area of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation for 3 individuals.

We have now completed the HOME Program in which we provided 35 participants up to \$36,250 each, in the form of a grant for a 30 year home loan, the main requirement is the participant had to own their own land on which they built the home.

We have purchased seventeen homes that have been resold to tribal members with up to a \$20,000 grant.

### Program Requirements

- Member of Citizen Potawatomi Nation
- Up to 80% of median income
- Ability to qualify for a home loan

### Housing Rehabilitation Program

The goal is to initiate a rehabilitation program for the elderly and handicapped tribal homeowners in single-family units. We have rehabilitated 4 privately owned homes and plan to utilize the duplex units on Nichols street in a move in/out status to continue with 20 more homes for the coming year. We had, previous to this purchase of the duplex unit, nowhere for our participants to live while we worked on their homes. Now, we will be able to move them out of their home, complete the work, and move them back. This process will shorten the time of repair

considerably and make it possible to assist more Citizen Potawatomi Nation members.

### Program Requirements

- Member of Citizen Potawatomi Nation
- Up to 80% of median income
- Title to the housing unit to be rehabilitated for a period of ten years.

The Housing Authority and First National Bank and Trust Company have started a mortgage department within the tribal bank. This department processes and makes these loans. The loan is then serviced by the bank or is sold on the secondary market to Fannie Mae. We have developed a partnership with Fannie Mae and are now in a mentorship program to become a seller/servicer.

Each program has a separate application; please call the housing office at (405) 878-4819 or 8784696. Please visit the office that is currently located beneath the tribal museum on the north side for individual information for your circumstances. We will soon be moving to our new location at the Father Murphy Community Building.

The Mission Statement for the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Housing Authority is to provide low-income CITIZEN POTAWATOMI tribal members and other low-income Native American people with the opportunity for decent, safe and sanitary housing while building stronger, healthier communities and promoting economic independence for our clientele. This will include tribal members in our jurisdiction as well as outside our jurisdiction where tribal needs require our consideration.

**Shepherd's Purse** (capsella bursa-pastoris), is a member of the mustard family (Brassicaceae family). It sometimes is known as Shepherd's heart, Pickpocket, rattlepouches, rattleweed, or lady's purse.

A lover of wastegrounds, roadsides, and old fields, it flowers from mid spring to mid fall and is found throughout the United States. It grows to about 18" in height. It bears heart-shaped two celled seedpods that resemble the leather pouches once carried by shepherds. The base leaves are dandelion like while the spike like stem leaves are tipped with clusters of small white delicate flowers. Each tiny flower has 4 petals (which form a cross) and 6 stamens. This hardy annual is of European origin but is now naturalized around the world except in tropical climates.

Each seedpod contains many black pepper tasting tiny seeds, which can be collected, in late summer and early fall. They should be dried and ground to a pepper consistency. In the spring the base leaves can be eaten fresh. Later in

## Herbal Heritage

**Submitted by Marlene Hogan and Carol Williams, daughters of Mrs. Albert Hefner and descendants of Josette Schwartz. Information in this column is not intended to be used as a substitute for current medical treatments. Before using any types of medication read the warnings and talk to your health care provider. If you become ill or are severely injured, seek immediate medical attention.**

the summer and fall the leaves are tough and bitter. The leaves can also be cooked like spinach.

Here's one for your natural emergency kit. It is outstanding for stopping all forms of bleeding, internally and externally quickly. Examples of this are bleeding in the digestive tract and bladder or from any organ.

Tea is brewed from every part of the plant but the root and is recommended as a general tonic. The tea drank or applied externally, is more effective chilled. The green leaves contain high concentration

of vitamins. To make a tea, use the ratio of 1 teaspoon dry leaves to 1 cup of boiling water. Pioneers and Indians used the tea to wash painful bruises and wounds because of its antiseptic and coagulant properties. Tea compresses are made for cuts and wounds and soaking small cottonballs in the tea for nosebleeds can be used. The name "mothers' hearts" reminds us that this is a useful herb for gynecological conditions. A sip of hot tea infusion during labor stimulates uterine contractions and after delivery, it eases postpartum bleeding. Because of its

diuretic properties, it is used to eliminate water retention. It also reduces blood pressure and is a good circulatory stimulant.

A variety of birds, including grouse and goldfinches eat the seeds. Chickens and cattle will eat the whole plant. The seeds are also reported to be toxic to mosquito larvae, which helps control mosquitoes.

**CAUTION:** Avoid the herb in pregnancy, except during labor, because it stimulates uterine contractions.

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### Bouzhon Nicon, (Hello, my friends)

I hope all of you who came to the Festival had a good time. I had a ball and got to talk to a lot of new relatives. The family reunions were well attended and we dodged the heat for the last Saturday in June. We had the biggest Saturday powwow dance in Festival history and our dancers were showing their new skills. Our General Council was short but sweet, with virtually no rancor or ill feelings. I wish that could have been the way the entire election was conducted.

Wouldn't it be good for our Nation, over the long term, to demand an attitude of respect and civility of its political candidates? When elections leave permanent wounds, no one really wins. Look at what happened this year.

The election year started with an attempt by three members of the



## From The Chairman

By JOHN A. "ROCKY" BARRETT

Business Committee, Hilton Melot, Gene Bruno, and J.P. Motley, to use their Business Committee positions to remove me from the administrative role I have played in the most progressive four years in our tribal history. The Tribal District Court ruled their attempt unconstitutional. The appeal to the Tribal Supreme Court is still pending.

In spite of the fact that I was re-elected with over 70% of the vote, an atmosphere of anger and distrust

against Linda Capps and myself still poisons our meetings and will soon result in a less efficient tribal government. More action is coming in the Tribal Court because the grievance procedure has been abused by filing spurious grievances that are politically motivated.

On the good news side, we are about to start our most exciting and extensive cultural and tribal services expansion ever! With the expertise of

Rhonda Butcher, Self Governance Director, and Lisa Kraft, Grants and Contracts Coordinator, we have received Federal Funding to build a new \$1,000,000 Child Care Center, a new \$1,200,000 Wellness and Senior Center, and a \$1,300,000 Tourism and Cultural Center. Great things are coming! These projects will be the topic of future HowNiKan articles.

Thank you to all of you who helped and supported me in the recent election. I pledge to you, and to those who voted for my opponent, that I will do my very best to make our tribe what you want it to be.

THE CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGE IS COMING!

Megwetch,

John Barrett



## From The Vice Chairman

By LINDA CAPPS

This message is addressed to all our Tribal members who attended the festival and those who participated in competition and events. I was fortunate to be involved with several activities including checkers, dominoes, chess, basketball, archery, and volleyball. What a great time I enjoyed with family and friends during these events!

Congratulations to those of you who won prizes. Winning a prize is a good feeling of accomplishment; however, I sincerely hope you found that winning is not the most important aspect of participation. The joy of meeting new tribal members, visiting with friends and relatives, and learning more about our Potawatomi families is what should be rewarding. Many of you told me how pleased you are that your family members have become enthusiastic about our annual festival.

The added bonus is the contribution that the festival brings to our Council Meeting in terms of greater attendance. As a Business Committee member, it is my desire to continue to improve on the festival by encouraging more participation. This may mean the addition of new events. If you have an idea, please share those with our administration or our Business Committee members.

Speaking of learning more about Potawatomi families, I cease to be amazed at the knowledge I gain on a near-daily basis regarding people who are related to each other. It thrills me when I find out that two familiar acquaintances that I've known throughout the years from attending Regional Meetings and other events are actually sisters, brothers, or first cousins. I have made many of these discoveries this year. In fact, while compiling this message, I learned that one of my dear friends in Arizona is the sister to a tribal member who I have visited with on numerous occasions. The old cliché, "it's a small world," does not exclude our Potawatomi people.

As the Citizen Potawatomi Nation administration and Business Committee members are planning schedules for the upcoming Regional Meetings, we are revising the art competition rules. One change is the addition of a division for children. Prizes, instead of cash awards, will be presented to the winners. We are proud of the response to the art competition in recent years, and especially want to encourage artwork that depicts our Indian heritage. An Indian heritage theme is part of the judging criteria for entries during our 2001-2002 Regional Meetings. Please watch for the rules and age division changes for the art competition in our next HowNiKan issue.

The top three poetry winners were recognized during the general council meeting last month from 46 entries. That's pretty good for a first-year competition. The 2002 poetry contest will be judged during the month of May. A deadline of May 1 will allow those who win prizes to make plans to attend the general council meeting. Entries will be accepted throughout the year. You may address those to Dennette Bare who is our Public Information Director. May you have an enjoyable year preparing for a wide array of competitions for Festival 2002.

## CPN POSITION OPENINGS

Send resumes to the Human Resources Department, 1601 S. Gordon Cooper Dr., Shawnee, OK 74801.

### Environmental Construction Manager

This position will be responsible for overseeing the installation of septic systems and water wells, scheduling work force, purchasing inventory of supplies for septic systems and water wells, communicating with clients, working with and hiring sub contractors, accounting for all bills pertinent to environmental construction, light office duties including some computer work and must be safety minded.

### Heating/Air-Conditioning and Refrigeration Technician

This position will be responsible for the installation and repair of industrial and commercial refrigeration and climate systems; mounting compressors, condensers and other components in specified location on frame, using hand tools and acetylene welding equipment; assembling structural and functional components, such as controls, switches, gauges, valves, pumps and pipes. Applicant must be able to read blueprints to determine location, size, capacity and type of components needed to build refrigeration systems and repairs and keep records of repairs and replacements made and causes of malfunctions. Must have skills and knowledge of troubleshooting, repairing, engineering, technology, design, building and construction, mechanical, installation, testing inspection, operation monitoring and must be safety minded.

### Electrician

This position will be responsible for the installation, maintaining and repair of electrical wiring, equipment and fixtures; inspecting systems and electrical parts to detect hazards, defects and the need for adjustments or repair; testing electrical systems and continuity of circuits in electrical wiring, equipment and fixtures, using test equipment. Must have skills and knowledge of computers and electronics, troubleshooting, equipment maintenance, installation, testing and must be safety minded. Prefer someone who is a licensed electrician or a certified master electrician.

### Tribal Rolls Assistant

This position will be responsible for aiding/assisting the director in efficiently serving the needs of tribal members of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. Filing, family genealogy, tribal scholarships, ID card/blood degree letter requests, enrolling new members, data entry in both T.R.I.M. (Tribal Roll Information Manager) and the BIA rolls with current and confirmable information on each individual within the Tribe as well as various types of mail-outs to Tribal members as instructed. Must have basic typing skills and a basic knowledge of computers.

## It's Your Newspaper!

The HowNiKan welcomes contributions from tribal members, especially stories of their accomplishments. Please send information and photographs to Dennette Bare at tribal headquarters. Deadline is the 5th of the month.



A "Warrior" is sworn to protect the safety of all children in the village and give up his life freely.



*Teacher, Father, Grandfather, Warrior.*

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For more information on talking to your kids about drugs, please call 1.800.788.2800.

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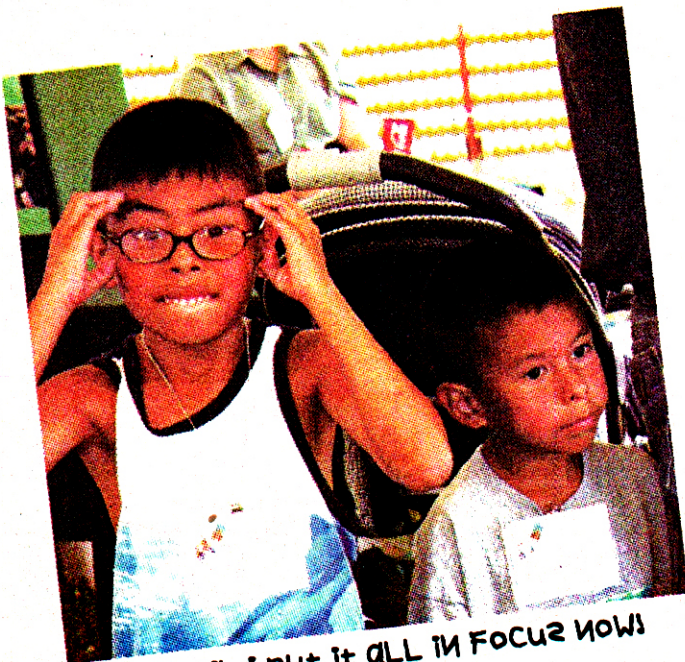
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to talk about!



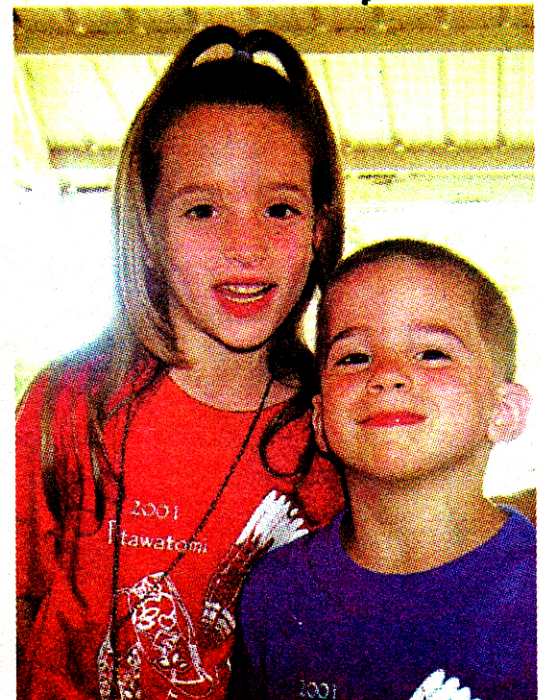
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Wait til I put it all in focus now!



That's where Mom said  
everything winds up anyway!



Well, they believe they came  
together!